

## HAD A PREMONITION OF PITKIN'S DEATH.

Mrs. Van Slingerland Discovers Tragic Ending of Romance in Which She Was Courted.

WERE MARRIED BY CONTRACT.

Fell in Love With Ed. Other While He Was in Waiting Working for Appointment—Jealousy Caused Trouble.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, July 6.—News of the death in New Orleans Thursday of John G. Pitkin, formerly Minister to Argentina and more recently Postmaster at New Orleans, reached here on Friday as a fulfillment of a premonition to Mrs. Nellie B. Van Slingerland, who was long in close sympathy with the man.

"The lady who was married to him by contract last year, not many months before a bitter quarrel, which was given publicity and which cost him his office of Postmaster, separated them. Despite this separation, Mrs. Van Slingerland, however, who had for several days a premonition that Mr. Pitkin was in danger of death.

"It was impelled," she said on Friday, "to write him urging him to prepare for death, knowing he was not ready to meet upon the future life. I failed to write, however. I had no intuition that he was in good health, and the news of his death was a great shock to me."

Mrs. Slingerland, who is the widow of W. Lynn, but who goes by her mother's maiden name, says her marriage by contract to Mr. Pitkin took place in Washington, D. C., in 1898, when he was a wife living in New Orleans. On this point Mrs. Slingerland said:

"George Elliot Brand of Arlington. Our marriage was a peculiar arrangement, such as one of the kind known as George Elliot and G. H. Lewis. We regarded it as sacred as if it had been performed by a minister. It was provided that Mr. Pitkin should be released by divorce or death. After the contract marriage, before we lived apart. We loved each other, and the world knew it."

Mrs. Van Slingerland, who is handsome and attractive woman, was formerly a society leader in Washington. She may say she has lived at the Hotel de Ville, Fifth Avenue and Fourth Avenue, thirty. Of her association with Mr. Pitkin, Mrs. Van Slingerland said:

"I first met Mr. Pitkin while I was living at the Windsor Hotel here. I fell in love and he called frequently; in fact, so often that I feared that it would cause gossip, and warned him to be careful. The result was that he became very nervous and at times would threaten to commit suicide."

"He made great efforts to obtain a re-appointment as Minister to Argentina, but was not successful. He feared to obtain immediate appointment and his public criticism of President McKinley. This ended his chance of becoming Minister to Argentina, but he was mad Postmaster at New Orleans."

"Pitkin's 'Fatal Error'." "In the interim, we were constant correspondence, as we had become our first meeting. These love letters, together with poems we had written to each other, we later published. It may seem peculiar that we should do such a thing, but the simple fact was that neither of us had any means, and it was necessary to obtain them. The letters and poems were published under the title of 'Love and Politics: A Social Romance: The Love Letters and Poems of a Prominent Orator and a Society Queen.' Neither Mr. Pitkin's name nor my own appeared."

"When Mr. Pitkin returned to New Orleans, I also went there. I was appointed his private secretary. Mr. Pitkin's jealousy increased, and at last he demanded the return of certain letters he had sent me through the mail. I refused to surrender them, as they were my personal property. When he came to New Orleans, he charged of stealing them. This was a fatal move on Mr. Pitkin's part, as the publicity of the affair resulted in his loss of office. The Grand Jury refused to indict me."

"Although Mr. Pitkin refused his cruel treatment, yet I grieve greatly for him when I remember him in his last days and before his mind became fixed, as I sincerely believe it was, by jealousy."

Mrs. Van Slingerland says she has a suit for \$300.00 pending here against her former husband, W. H. Lynn, for the loss of property in the divorce case. She says she has disposed of while they were married. Mr. Lynn is now the husband of a sister of President Iglesias of Porto Rico, and is wealthy and of much influence in Central America."

John R. G. Pitkin, known in Louisiana as "My Dear Pitkin," because of an incident in connection with a Republican Returning Board, of which he was a member.

### AMERICAN PENILS THE BEST.

European Manufacturers Alarmed at Yankee Competition.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, July 6.—European pencil manufacturers, especially those in Germany, are beginning to feel seriously alarmed at American competition. The reason is because the American cedar wood, of which so large a quantity is used in the industry, is of much better quality than any that can be obtained in Europe.

Foreign manufacturers have tried to replace it by other substances, but their efforts have been practically in vain. They have fashioned pencils for the lead out of French wood, and even of metal, but not one of the substances has proved in any way as serviceable as the cedar of this country.

"The competition in this direction," says a foreign journal, "is not only to decrease, and it can, therefore, readily be seen that a rich reward awaits the person who is fortunate enough to discover a material which can fully take the place of the American cedar."

### POST AT URRIG'S CAVE.

Will Witness Production of "Fra Diavolo" Wednesday Night.

Post at Urrig's Division, T. P. A., will attend the Little Theatre of Europe Company's production of "Fra Diavolo" at Urrig's Cave Wednesday night.

The post-inhabited the entire house for the night and each member is entitled to two complimentary tickets. No tickets will be sold for the performance, and only the holding complimentary tickets will be admitted.

Saturday evening, July 27, an excursion down the river will be taken on the steamer Hill City. The boat will land, going and returning, at the foot of Levee street.

### Telegraphing to Mars.

It is rumored that the experiments in wireless telegraphy have met with such flattering success that we are now in a position to hold communications with our planetary neighbors. Science even had the wonderful vision in the last half of the 19th century and probably will advance even further in the next few years. There is one thing, however, that science cannot improve upon, and that is the human mind. It is the human mind that has made the world what it is today, and it is the human mind that will make the world what it will be tomorrow. It is the human mind that has made the world what it is today, and it is the human mind that will make the world what it will be tomorrow.

## Silk Petticoats.

\$4.95 and \$5.95 Taffeta Silk Petticoats, in umbrella style, three dainty ruffles or with corded ruffles—reduced to—**\$3.50**

\$6.95 and \$7.95 Taffeta Silk Petticoats, with rose pleating, some trimmed with rose pleating—reduced to—**\$5.00**

20 per cent discount on all other styles of Taffeta Silk Petticoats. For instance—  
All our \$8.95 Taffeta Silk Petticoats, now—**\$7.15**  
All our \$10.95 Taffeta Silk Petticoats, now—**\$8.75**  
All our \$14.50 Taffeta Silk Petticoats, now—**\$12.40**

## Infants' Wear.

39c Infants' Slips of fine cambric, embroidered yoke, full sleeves—**25c**

75c and 85c Colored Dresses, of lawn, gingham and percale, in pretty stripes and checks, ages 2 to 4 years—Clearance—**35c**

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Infants' Long Dresses, of fine nainsook and India linen, beautifully trimmed with lace and nainsook embroidery, slightly soiled; also including a lot of hand-embroidered Gimpes—**98c**

## Ladies' Shoes.

Odds and ends that must be disposed of at any price! New, up-to-date shoes, but broken sizes and styles! Tan and chocolate shoes and Oxfords of vicid kid and Russia calf, with hand-turns and Goodyear welts. Shoes that we've been selling at \$2.00, \$2.50 and a few at \$3.00. Sizes are mostly small, but if yours is here you most certainly get a bargain, as the Clearance **98c**

Price is only **98c**

## Handkerchiefs.

Ladies' Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, Monday, in basement, each—**4c**

Men's large Linen-taped Border Handkerchiefs, worth 12½c, Monday, in basement, each—**7c**

Ladies' Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, usually sold at 20c—Monday, on main floor, 6 for 50c, or each—**10c**

Ladies' fine Swiss Handkerchiefs, prettily embroidered and edged with Valenciennes lace, worth 25c—Clearance **12½c**

## Boys' Clothing.

Boys' Percalé Waists, fast colors, sizes 4 to 12, made with the best of materials, all have the patent Mother's Friend waist band, regular low kind—Monday—**29c**

Knee Pants for boys of 3 to 16 years, all wool, cut from the best of materials, and made especially for us, regular size values—Monday at—**42c**

Suits for boys 3 to 10 years, Washable Suits, the kind we sell all season at 69c, 75c, 85c and \$1.25—net money of any one pattern—your choice at—**49c**

Suits for boys of 7 to 16 years, double-breasted, cut from the best of materials, some sizes missing, always sold for \$1.25—Monday—**69c**

# JULY CLEARING SALE—SECOND WEEK.

## From 8 to 10 A. M.

Lawn—183 pieces of good quality Printed Lawn, from 8 to 10, in basement, per yard—**1½c**

Chambrays—120 pieces of fine Chambrays, in pink, blue, oxford, yellow, gray, etc., worth 12½c, from 8 to 10, in basement, per yard—**6c**

Lawn—One case of satin-checked Black Dress Lawn, worth 15c, from 8 to 10, in basement, per yard—**5c**

Sateen—4 pieces of good Black Sateen, worth 10c, from 8 to 10, in basement, per yard—**5c**

Crepes—60 pieces of hand-made White Japanese Crepe, worth 25c, from 8 to 10, in basement, per yard—**3½c**

Muslin—2 bales of fine Sea Island Muslin, from 8 to 10, in basement, per yard—**4c**

Sheeting—One case of very best 2½ yards wide Unbleached Sheet, worth 25c, from 8 to 10, in basement, per yard—**15c**

India Linen—One small case of India Linen, worth 10c, from 8 to 10, in basement, per yard—**5c**

All Summer goods MUST GO NOW. If they won't at one price they will at another. Cost cuts no figure when we decide to clear up stocks, and we offer thousands of dollars of seasonable merchandise Monday at tremendous reductions to force quick selling. Of all times of the year this is emphatically the time for bargains. Come to-morrow.



The Fastest Growing Store in America. Broadway and Washington.

## From 8 to 10 A. M.

White Lawn—130 pieces of good quality Striped White Lawn, cheap at 10c, from 8 to 10, in basement, per yard—**3½c**

India Linen—One small case of fine India Linen, worth 15c, from 8 to 10, in basement, per yard—**7½c**

Ladies' Neckwear—A large assortment of Summer Neckwear—the kind we have been selling up to 25c—in basement—**5c**

Lace Curtains—Manufacturer's samples of French Guipure, Brussels Net and Scotch Lace Curtains—in lace, dainty effects or heavy Irish Point designs—2 yards long and 54 to 60 inches wide—suitable for long sash curtains, small windows, etc.—worth, if full, length, up to \$5.00 pair—**19c**

Head Rests—Large Reversible Head Rests, covered with Japanese crepe, finished with cords and tassels—also Reversible Step Cushions covered with plain and fancy denims—worth 50c—**10c**

### Clearing Sale of Ladies'

## Summer Apparel

Including Wash Waists, Shirt Waist Suits and Duck Skirts—all at big reductions.

**19c** For a real 50c Waist, and one that readily sold for 50c, of good percale, in light, medium and dark shades—all sizes. In basement.

**35c** For Hot Weather Waists of white lawn grenadine—were 75c.

**\$1.25** For jaunty white Lawn Waists, with extra wide sailor collars and reverses of all-over embroidery, and edged to match—front finished with insertion bands—worth \$2.00.

## Time for Silk Buying.

If you want to buy silks at lowest prices—for lawn parties, summer hotels, street gowns, waists, trimmings, etc.—now is the time, Grand Leader is the place, and here are the prices!

Check and Plaid Wash Silks—cool and serviceable for waists, wrappers, dresses, kimono and children's wear. They wash perfectly and have always sold at 25c—in this Clearing Sale we offer you choice at, per yard—**15c**

Corded and Striped Wash Silks of best grades and in beautiful summer tints that can be used for all purposes. We are clearing these silks all season at 50c—to keep this department busy Monday we close them out at, per yard—**25c**

24-inch Foulard Silks—a few patterns left over from the season's selling—are satin finished and in dress lengths—formerly sold at 50c and \$1.00—in this Clearing Sale, per yard—**39c**

45-inch Black Silk Figured Grenadines and All-Silk—also 24-inch Foulard Silks—in natural tan shade—very serviceable for summer wear—sold all over at \$1.00—in this Clearing Sale we offer you choice at, per yard—**69c**

### Another Lucky Scoop! This time it's

## Men's Summer Underwear.

Entire stock of odds and ends from the Ferguson-McKinney Dry Goods Co. of this city, bought at our own price and on sale here to-morrow at almost your own price!

Lot 1—Men's Derby Ribbed Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers in plain and fancy colors—worth up to 37c—choice at—**18c**

Lot 2—Men's Plain and Fancy Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, worth up to 50c—choice at—**25c**

Lot 3—Men's Plain and Fancy Mottled Lisle Thread and Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, also Patent Elastic Seam Drawers—worth up to 75c—choice at—**37c**

Lot 4—Men's Silk Plated Lisle Thread, in plain and fancy colors—also French Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers—worth up to \$1.50—choice Monday at, per garment—**50c**

Choice of our entire stock of Prints at the one price, per yard—**4c**

Our entire stock of Percales will be sacrificed in two big lots:

Lot 1—Percales, formerly sold 6c, Lot 2—Percales, formerly sold 9c, cut to 10c, cut to 15c, cut to 15c, cut to 15c

Our entire stock of Gingham to be closed out as follows Monday:

Lot 1—Formerly sold 5c, Lot 2—Formerly sold 7½c, Lot 3—Formerly sold 12½c, cut to 10c, cut to 10c, cut to 10c

Our entire stock of Wash Goods in the basement, including Lawns, Dimities, Batistes, etc., in three lots:

Lot 1—Formerly sold 5c, Lot 2—Formerly sold 7½c, Lot 3—Choice of our entire stock, nothing excluded at, 12½c

Clearing Sale of Linens. Clearing Sale of White Goods.

5c Roller Toweling, reduced to, per yard—**2½c** 15c White Long Cloth, reduced to, per yard—**6½c**

10c All-Linen Roller Toweling, reduced to, per yard—**5c** 15c White Long Cloth, reduced to, per yard—**9c**

10c Turkish Bath Towels, reduced to, each—**5c** 20c White Long Cloth, reduced to, per yard—**12½c**

25c Turkish Bath Towels, reduced to, each—**12½c** 20c Soft-Finish White Nainsook, reduced to, per yard—**10c**

10c Linen Huck Towels, reduced to, per yard—**5c** 60c 72-inch-wide Colored Organizes, reduced to, per yard—**29c**

15c Linen Huck Towels, reduced to, each—**7½c** 60c 72-inch-wide White Organizes, reduced to, per yard—**25c**

25c Linen Huck and Damask Towels, reduced to, each—**12½c** 30c Navy Blue Solid Colored Organizes, reduced to, per yard—**9c**

30c Turkey Red and Green Table Damask, reduced to, per yard—**15c** 30c Navy Blue Solid Colored Organizes, reduced to, per yard—**12½c**

40c Turkey Red and Green Table Damask, reduced to, per yard—**25c** 30c Navy Blue Solid Colored Organizes, reduced to, per yard—**10c**

40c Linen Huck and Damask Towels, reduced to, each—**12½c** 30c Navy Blue Solid Colored Organizes, reduced to, per yard—**10c**

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## Lace Robes Sacrificed!

Handsome creations of the season go to-morrow at about half the prices at which we sold them a month ago.

\$6.00 Embroidered Grass Linen and White Swiss Robes—now reduced to—**\$3.49**

\$10.00 White Embroidered Swiss Robes—Clearing Sale Price—**\$5.98**

Judy Trimming, in all colors—worth 10c—Monday, in basement, per yard—**2c**

Nottingham and Cluny Lace Yokes, in cream and white—worth 75c—in basement, Monday, per yard—**29c**

Crystal Velour and Fancy Pleated Chiffons—worth \$1.50—Monday, in basement, per yard—**12½c**

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## Lace Curtains and Draperies.

The great Spring business has left in its wake a large accumulation of small lots, etc., which we offer to-morrow at radical reductions.

Lace Curtains—250 pairs Scotch and Nottingham Lace Curtains—full width and length—all perfect, fresh, new goods—from 2 to 5 yards long and 3½ yards wide—a few slightly soiled from display, but many entirely perfect—from 1 to 5 pairs of a pattern—worth up to \$7.50 pair—Monday, per curtain—**25c**

Lace Curtains—300 Odd Cable Net, Saxony and French Guipure Lace Curtains in Honiton and Renaissance designs—3½ yards long and up to 40 inches wide—these are seconds, but imperfections very slight—some pairs to match—worth up to \$4.50 pair—Monday, per curtain—**59c**

Lace Curtains—150 pairs Real Irish Point Lace Curtains, made on 3-ply bobbinet, with deep embroidered borders and spangled designs—50 inches wide and 3½ yards long—a few slightly soiled from display, but many entirely perfect—from 1 to 5 pairs of a pattern—worth up to \$7.50 pair—Monday, per curtain—**\$3.98**

15c quality 36-inch Fancy French Sateens, reduced to—**7½c** 50c quality 27-inch Cable Net Panel Lace, reduced to—**25c**

19c quality 30-inch Fluted Sash Net, reduced to—**10c** 80c quality Hassocks, made of Wilton velvet and Axminster carpetings—each—**39c**

30c quality 28-inch Titian Plush and Velour, reduced to—**15c** 80c quality 4-4 Reversible Tapestry Table Covers, reduced to—**49c**

25c quality 30-inch Ruffled Sash Swisses, reduced to—**15c** \$1.75 quality large size Bamboo Portieres, reduced to—**75c**

50c quality 30-inch Real Irish Point Sash Lace, reduced to—**19c** \$1.50 qual. Tapestry Mantel or Piano Lambrequins, reduced to—**75c**

25c quality 1½-inch Extension Rods for hanging lace curtains—reduced to—**10c** \$6 quality Cable Net Lace Bed Sets, reduced to—**\$2.50**

## Clearing Sale of Things for the Household. Fourth Floor.

Wringers—Wood frame "Defender" Wringers, with 10-inch rollers—guaranteed for one year—worth fully \$2.00—Clearing Sale—**\$1.25**

Hose Nozzles—Made of solid brass—regular price 10c—Clearing Sale—**10c**

Wash Rollers—No. 8 Heavy Tin Wash Rollers—regular price 45c—Monday—**43c**

Brass Parlor Tables—With 12x12 glass tops; worth \$7.50—Monday—**\$3.89**

Umbrella Stands—Three styles of beautiful underglazed decorations—worth \$2.50—Monday, each—**\$1.50**

Glasses—Thin blown, 12-ounce bell shape lemon or beer Glasses—worth 90c per dozen—Monday, each—**6c**

## UNCLE TOM'S CABIN REVIVED IN PARIS.

M. Jean Coquelin Was Aided by a Pack of Bloodhounds and Negro Minstrels.

SPECIAL BY CABLE. Paris, July 6.—With the aid of a pack of bloodhounds and a negro minstrel troupe, M. Jean Coquelin, in London, revived "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in the French version, which was written nearly fifty years ago by D. Emery and Dumas.

This adaptation of what the Figaro and other French contemporaries describe as "Mrs. Harriet's" novel, contains a number of extraneous characters, notably the slave-owning genitor Senator Bird, the product of the Dumasian brain, and two colored personages named Philemon and Bengali, the latter of whom a freed slave, has bought one of his former fellow-bondsmen and inspires so little respect that he is constantly being kicked and cuffed by him.

The play, when first produced in Paris in 1855, proved a great success, thanks to the prestige of the novel, then fresh in everybody's mind, and to the beauty of Emile Guion, who played the part of Ella, and afterwards became a noted member of the Comedie Francaise.

Curiously enough, an actor of the same name, M. Guion, plays the funny part of Bengali to-day.

The work was revived at the Ambigu twenty years ago, with diminished success. In reception this evening was such as might be expected from a summer audience, which does not seek strong meat in the way of theatrical entertainments.

The minstrels and the double-voiced cantatrice from Philadelphia, Mme. Fields, who sings both soprano and contralto, compete for public favor with the bloodhounds. The playing, as it must be admitted, was excellent. M. Jean Coquelin, in the character of Senator Bird, acted with great skill and feeling, while M. Guion and his attendant provoked roars of laughter.

## MADE MEAL ON GREENBACKS.

New York Goat Chewed Up \$19 and Was Killed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, July 6.—An excited German walked into the subway Friday, carrying in his hand \$19 in fragments.

"We missed the money," he said, "and I look at the three goats. I put my finger to my head, and I think just once which goat it is the cash. That's the goat." I says, and I cut her up. Sure, it was the right goat, and the money, here it is. We'll eat goat for dinner this week."

The money was too much mutilated to be redeemed at the subway, but the afflicted man was advised to send the fragments to the Bureau of Redemption at Washington, where experts will probably be able to determine the denomination of the bills and issue new ones in their stead.

To finish food and borders was "Floor-Shine" floor enamel, oak, cherry, mahogany, etc. Dried over night. Color card and booklet sent free. Floor-Shine Co., St. Louis.

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